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- 11. (U) Charge d'Affaires Karen Jo McIsaac delivered the points contained reftel to Grenada's Prime Minister Keith Mitchell on September 20, 2007. The is also the Minister for Finance. Mitchell was interested to hear that there is a proposal on the table for the small vulnerable economies. While he did not commit to anything, he promised to keep an open mind when reviewing the points and will get back to us later.
- 12. (SBU) Discussion is rarely about what Grenada needs to do to develop a broader export market. Rather, Grenada's trade officials are heavily invested in supporting the positions of Brazil and other more developed countries on DOHA and the FTAA when discussing trade issues. Charge reminded Mitchell that Grenada's trade issues are not the same as Brazil's. She suggested that since Grenada has asked for USG help in increasing its trade to the United States it might be more useful to move beyond the rhetoric and engage productively. The Chairman's proposal may be just what the country needs. However, Mitchell will have to bring the rest of the government along, including many officials with very close ties to, and vested interests in, opposition to the U.S.

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